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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shunji IMAI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6015
Application No.: 09/986,975	:	Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: November 13, 2001	:	Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin
For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 24, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, that Applicant hereby elect a single species from each of the genus groupings and claims associated thereto. Applicants elect Species A.I., embodiments of Figs. 1-10, 21-25 and 25; and identify claims 1-10 and 19-22 as reading on elected Species A.I. Also, Applicants elect Species B.I., embodiments of Figures 1-32 and identify claims 1-27 as reading on elected Species B.I. for prosecution in the above-identified application.

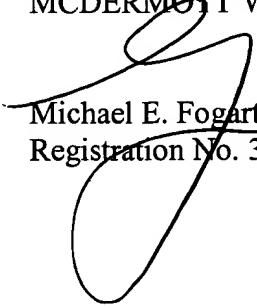
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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